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SEALING PROCESS APPARATUS AND POLYMERIC  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before beginning examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this amendment.

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